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SUBJECT: YOUR MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GIAN AND

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FOLLOWING ARE OUR THOUGHTS ON THE FOCUS OF YOUR MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLAN AND VICE MINISTER TONG. IN ADDITION, A MAY 2 ARTICLE IN HONG KONG'S WEN WE! ("OBSTACLES TO MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS SHOULD BE REMOVED") AND JIM LILLEY'S SCENESETTER (REF A) ARE WELL WORTH YOUR ATTENTION ON THE EVE OF YOUR DEPARTURE FOR

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YOU MAY WISH TO FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING THEMES

- CHINA HAS MADE MUCH PROGRESS ON AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORM OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES;

THE U.S. SUPPORTS CHINA'S DETERMINATION TO MODERNIZE AND IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIFATING IN THAT EFFORT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A STABLE, MODERNIZING CHINA IS IMPORTANT TO THE REGION'S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND BENEFICIAL TO U.S. GLOBAL

AND REGIONAL POLICY OBJECTIVES;

WE DO NOT SEEK UNILATERAL DOMINANCE OR HEGEMONISM, EITHER IN THE WORLD OR IN THE EAST ASIAN REGION, AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO FORCE OUR OWN CONCEPT OF VALUES ON CHINA OR OTHER COUNTRIES.

OUR ARMS CONTROL OBJECTIVES ARE BASED ON THE SINCERE DESIRE TO PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WORLD; OUR NONPROLIFERATION GOALS ARE PART OF A GLOBAL PROCESS, TO WHICH THE U.S. WILL COMMIT SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH OTHER SUPPLIER COUNTRIES;

RIGHTS, NOR DO WE SEEK TO PRESSURE CHINA TO ACCEPT DEMANDS MADE BY OUR SIDE:

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- OUR DESIRE TO MAINTAIN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION ON GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE STATE OF OUR BILATERAL TIES;
- WE WANT TO LOOK FORWARD, NOT BACKWARD. BUT THE NONPROLIFERATION. HUMAN RIGHTS. AND TRADE ISSUES THAT ARE BUFFETING OUR RELATIONSHIP ARE NOT CREATIONS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE CHINESE POLICY, TO BE TURNED ON OR OFF AT OUR DISCRETION.
- RATHER, THESE ARE FACTS WE MUST DEAL WITH, AND THEY WILL WORSEN IF THEY ARE IGNORED. INACTION ON THE PART OF BOTH SIDES WILL LEAD. INEXORABLY TO FURTHER BILATERAL IRRITANTS AND DETERIORATION OF THE CORE ELEMENTS OF THE RELATIONSHIP:
- WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID THAT OUTCOME, BUT CANNOT DO SO ON THE BASIS OF U.S. ACTIONS ALONE.
- YOUR MEETING WITH VICE MINISTER TONG

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